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ERIC Notebook Survey

The authors of the ERIC Notebook would like to get your feedback concerning the usefulness of the ERIC Notebooks. ERIC Notebooks have been in production for a year and we would like to make improvements to better serve the needs of our readers. The ERIC Notebooks have covered many basic concepts in epidemiology. The first issue, "Issues in Epidemiology and Health Services Research", focused on the fundamental aspects of epidemiological research, and how epidemiological methods may be applied to health services research. Other ERIC Notebooks have dealt with the different types of measures of disease, namely cumulative incidence, incidence rate, relative risk, odds ratios, and prevalence. The remaining issues have focused on study design: "Cohort Studies", "Case Control Studies", "Cross-sectional Studies", and "Ecological Studies". Other issues have covered some of the obstacles that investigators must deal with when conducting epidemiological studies: "Selection Bias", "Randomization", "Assessment of Diagnostic and Screening Tests", and "Person-time". We hope that you have found these issues to be beneficial to your own research.

The survey may be completed online at "www.sph.unc.edu/courses/eric", or mailed or faxed to the address on the last page of the notebook. The survey takes less than three minutes to fill out. We will resume with more ERIC Notebook publications in the fall of 2000. Thank you for your time in filling out the survey.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does not apply
1. The ERIC Notebooks are helping me learn/review epidemiological concepts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. The topics covered in the ERIC Notebooks are relevant and applicable to my needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. The level of complexity in ERIC Notebooks is appropriate for my needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. The self-evaluation questions at the end of each ERIC Notebook are useful.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Which of the ERIC Notebooks have you read? (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 1. Issues in Epidemiology and Health Services Research
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 2. Incidence and Prevalence
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 3. Cohort Studies
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 4. Incidence Measures in Cohort Studies
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 5. Case Control Studies
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<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 7. Cross-sectional Studies
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 8. Selection Bias
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 9. Person-time
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 10. Randomization
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 11. Assessment of Diagnostic and Screening Tests
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue 12. Ecological Studies

6. How do you use the content presented in the ERIC Notebook? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Use for my practice
- ☐ Use for my research
- ☐ Use for teaching students and fellows
- ☐ Send to colleagues
- ☐ Use as a reference
- ☐ Other (Please elaborate in the box provided below.)

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7. What would be your preferred method of obtaining ERIC Notebook?

- ☐ Hardcopy
- ☐ On-line
- ☐ No preference

8. What topics would be of interest to you in future issues? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Statistical methods
- ☐ Health outcomes

- ☐ Health care epidemiology
- ☐ Cardiovascular disease epidemiology
- ☐ Infectious disease epidemiology
- ☐ Nutritional epidemiology
- ☐ Cancer epidemiology
- ☐ Environmental epidemiology
- ☐ Reproductive epidemiology
- ☐ Occupational epidemiology
- ☐ Other (Please elaborate in the box provided below.)

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☐ Other (Please specify in the box provided below.)

10. What is your occupational area? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Research
- ☐ Clinical Practice
- ☐ Administration
- ☐ Teaching

☐ Other (Please specify in the box provided below.)

11. Any other comments? (Please describe below.)

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey.

Announcement

Certificate in Core Public Health Concepts

<http://www.sph.unc.edu/nciph/certificate>

Overview

As the practice of public health changes, so the education of public health practitioners needs to change. Since the 1988 Institute of Medicine report on the Future of Public Health there has been a consistent demand for focused efforts that address the infrastructure and core services of public health. To address this need and fill the gap in educational programs available to practitioners, the University of North Carolina has developed a Certificate in Core Public Health Concepts.

The Certificate in Core Public Health Concepts is a 12-credit hour program of study. The content is the same as the core content taught in UNC's masters of public health programs. All courses have been specially designed and developed for delivery via the Internet. Students will be able to register, receive materials, interact with faculty, and successfully complete this program without travelling to the campus. A connection to the Internet is all that is required!

Find out more about the Certificate in Core Public Health Concepts at
"<http://www.sph.unc.edu/nciph/certificate>".

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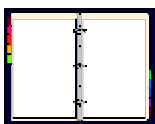
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